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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on February 13, 2008, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains material errors in the specification in line 23, paragraph [0061].

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The errors in the symbols noted by requestor in the specification are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The erroneous equation is descriptive of a spherical beam enlargement to which applicant's invention is directed. The error in the equation does not impact the description of applicant's invention. A person having ordinary skill in the art will be able to understand the context by the surrounding information in the specification.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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